



Broadfield Christian Fellowship

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NewsFlash!



Sunday 14th April and Easter 2019

This morning	10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Worship: Kevin Gordon; Speaker: David Evans</i>
<i>We offer a warm welcome to all visitors to our worship today If you would like to know more about us, please ask one of the leaders</i>	
Monday	6.45–7.45pm: Prayer time in the Church
Tuesday	7.00pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline’s home
Maundy Thursday	10.30am–12.00noon: <i>Messy Easter</i> in the Church and Community Centre
Good Friday	9.45am: Meet at Church for Walk of Witness to the Town Centre, departing 10.00am 11.00am: Town-wide Celebration in Queens Square <i>Join with Christians from around Crawley to proclaim the Easter message</i>
Holy Saturday	10.30am: Broadfield Prayer Walk, returning to the Centre for hot cross buns
Easter Sunday	6.30am: Dawn communion at Tilgate lakeside 9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship 9.30am: Prayer meeting 10.00am: Tea and coffee 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Light Breakfast and Family Interactive Easter Explored</i>
Easter Monday	6.45–7.45pm: Prayer time in the Church
Tuesday 23rd	7.00pm: House Group at Ben & Pauline’s home
Wednesday 24th	9.15am: Coffee Shop in the Social Hall
Friday 26th	2.30–3.30pm: “Dave Time” in the Church Quiet Room 5.00pm: Friday Meal in the Social Hall
Sunday 28th	9.00am: Open up and set up hall for worship 9.30am: Prayer meeting 10.00am: Tea and coffee 10.30am: Morning Worship in the Social Hall <i>Worship: Vivienne Evans; Speaker: Ian Johnson</i>

Thought for the Week – from Caroline

SILLY RABBIT ... EASTER IS FOR JESUS

I was talking to a friend yesterday about how surprised I was that at a Christmas Christian service they announced to the children that tonight there is a very special guest coming, and sure enough to the delight of all the children in walked Father Christmas with flowing white beard, his traditional red suit and black boots and a sack of presents on his back. Well you may put me down as the Christmas Grinch but Father Christmas being at this service didn’t “gel” with me at all; out of church, well OK, I suppose, he can be placed with Noddy and Big Ears, Peppa Pig, Winnie the Pooh, etc., but not the gospel message. My friend disagreed with me and said it was all right because it was about giving, but that didn’t change my mind. Well now the Easter Bunny is making his fat fluffy self a large part of Easter (I suppose he always has) but he is absolutely nothing to

do with the gospel message, even though rabbits are part of God’s creation. I love what Vanessa Myers, a Children’s Ministry Director has written:

I do not bring the Easter bunny into any event we do. I just don’t believe that my job is to teach the kids at church about a fake bunny, or to decorate our halls with cute little Easter bunnies (or chicks for that matter). I can’t bring myself to do it.

Just the other day a friend sent me a text telling me she saw a sign that reminded her of me and my dislike of the Easter bunny. It said, “Silly rabbit ... Easter is for Jesus!” I love that sign! Maybe I need to get one to hang up at church!

I believe in teaching my own kids and the kids in my church about the true meaning of Easter, which is Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. It’s not about some cute bunny hopping into our houses while we sleep to leave a basket of chocolate eggs. It’s about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Diary Dates

- Thursday 30th May – Saturday 8th June:** 24-7 Prayer – 10 Days of Prayer for Crawley at St. John’s Church – sign up and register your time of prayer at 24-7prayer.com/signup/0f6187
- Saturday 8th – Friday 21st June:** *Broadfield Arts Festival* including Performance Day on Saturday 15th June
- Saturday 3rd – 10th August:** Revive 2019, *In the Name of Jesus* at Ashburnham Place with Greg Boyd and Gavin Calver